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SUBJECT: UN WATER CONFERENCE - PANAMA CANAL ISSUE

REF: A - MAR DEL PLATA 41, B - MAR DEL PLATA 33,
C - MAR DEL PLATA 53

1. DELEGATION SHOULD MAKE STRONG EFFORT TO GET RESOLUTION
MODIFIED SO THAT U.S. MAY GO ALONG WITH CONSENSUS WITHOUT
A STATEMENT. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO GO ALONG WITH THE
CONSENSUS WITHOUT A STATEMENT IF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS
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ARE MET:

A. DELETE ENTIRE PARAGRAPH BEGINNING WITH "THE PROBLEM OF
THE SO-CALLED CANAL ZONE."

B. INSERT AFTER "SOLUTION" IN THE LAST PARAGRAP; "IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE JOINT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES OF

FEBRUARY 7, 1974."

2. DESIRED BUT NOT NECESSARY CHANGES FOR GOING ALONG WITH THE CONSENSUS WITHOUT A STATEMENT ARE:

A. DELETE THE WORD "FULLY" IN THE LAST PARAGRAPH.

B. SUBSTITUTE "JURISDICTION" FOR "ITS SOVEREIGN RIGHTS" IN THE LAST PARAGRAPH.

C. INSERT "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW" AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FIRST PARAGRAPH.

3. IF THE ABOVE CONDITIONS ARE NOT MET, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO GO ALONG WITH THE INFORMAL CONSENSUS, BUT WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD. QUOTE: THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION REITERATES THE CONCERNS IT EXPRESSED LAST THURSDAY CONCERNING THE APPROPRIATENESS OF ADDRESSING AT THIS CONFERENCE ISSUES WHICH ARE BEING CONSIDERED IN THE ON-GOING BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW CANAL TREATY. THOSE NEGOTIATIONS ARE BEING CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE JOINT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES OF FEBRUARY 7, 1974 WHICH WERE REAFFIRMED BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AS RECENTLY AS JANUARY 31, 1977. THEREFORE, WE CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT PANAMA INTENDS THIS RESOLUTION TO REFLECT THOSE PRINCIPLES, WHICH WE FULLY SUPPORT. WE REPEAT ALSO THAT THE QUESTION OF THE USE OF LANDS AND WATERS UNDER A NEW TREATY RELATIONSHIP IS MUCH TOO COMPLEX TO BE

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ADDRESSED IN THIS FORM. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA IN THE PAST TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF WATER RESOURCES IN THE AREAS SURROUNDING THE CITIES OF PANAMA AND COLON. THE U.S. FULLY EXPECTS TO CONTINUE THIS COOPERATION IN THE FUTURE UNDER A NEW TREATY WHICH WOULD RETURN THE CANAL ZONE TO PANAMANIAN JURISDICTION. END QUOTE.

4. DEL SHOULD NOT SEEK A VOTE. IF, HOWEVER, THE MATTER IS BROUGHT TO A VOTE YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO ABSTAIN WITHOUT COMMENT.

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